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**Supplement AFI 11-209, 15 May 1999, as follows:**

This supplement provides guidance and procedures for US Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) participation in aerial events. It applies to all USAFE units. It does not apply to US Air Force Reserves or Air National Guard.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This interim change clarifies unit participation in aerial events. A sentence is added (paragraph 3) reminding units to comply with the basic AFI. A sentence is added (paragraph 3.1.2.4) establishing a coordination meeting for the Airshow Season. A sentence is added (paragraph 3.1.2.5) clarifying airshow approval requirements when approved by USAFE/DO in the annual "Airshow Tasking Message". A sentence is added (paragraph 3.1.3) clarifying support requirements. A sentence is added (paragraph 3.3.1) changing report submission date and includes information required. The current Attachment 2 and included notes are replaced with new tables and notes for participation in on-base (Table A2.3) and off-base (Table A2.4) aerial events. Instructions to reference new Table A2.4 are added to paragraphs 2, 6.1.2.4, and 7.9.2.1. A margin bar indicates revision from the previous edition.

**2. Director of Operations and Training (HQ USAF/XOO) Duties .** Director of Aerospace Operations (HQ USAFE/DO) is the waiver authority for the USAFE portion of this regulation. Submit all waiver requests in accordance with Attachment 2, Table A2.3 and A2.4.

**3. USAFE Command Duties.** Evaluates requests for aerial events. Units will ensure that all requirements of the basic AFI are met as well as those in this supplement.

3.1.1. (Added) Office of Public Affairs (HQ USAFE/PA) solicits requests for USAFE participation in public events with responses from host nation embassies due per timeline stated in paragraph 3.1.2. Embassies will prioritize the respective host nation public events for the season. HQ USAFE/PA then provides HQ USAFE/DO with a list of civilian and military events approved for participation by USAFE operational units. This list will include the type of aircraft requested and extent of participation autho-

alized. HQ USAFE/DO will attempt to support at least each nation's Priority 1 event, tasking unit support when necessary. Support all remaining events on a unit volunteer basis.

3.1.2. (Added) This is the approximate timeline for the airshow process. It should be followed to allow sufficient planning time for participating units and airshow organizers.

3.1.2.1. By 15 December – HQ USAFE/PA sends “Airshow Event Request Message” to embassies in the USAFE Theater. Air Attaches will acknowledge receipt of this message to HQ USAFE/PA.

3.1.2.2. By 31 January - Embassies respond to HQ USAFE/PA with the respective prioritized airshow lists.

3.1.2.3. By 15 March - Combined HQ USAFE/PA/DO message. HQ USAFE/PA submits the proposed airshow list to HQ USAFE/DO. HQ USAFE/DO approves aerial events for the year, with inputs from the USAFE Force Protection Threat Working Group (USAFE/FPTWG). HQ USAFE/PA sends the “Approved Airshow List” message soliciting unit volunteers for the upcoming airshow season.

3.1.2.4. By 1 April---Numbered air forces (NAF) responds with unit volunteers. HQ USAFE/DOTO will host an aerial event coordination meeting on or about 1 April, to select event participants, clarify issues, review AFI's and solidify the contents of the Airshow Tasking Message. The meeting participants will include representatives from each participating unit, HQ USAFE/PAM/DOV/DOYP (for Terminal Procedures (TERPS), Force Protection Threat Working Group (FPTWG), Air Mobility Operations Control Center (AMOCC), National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), and other agencies who may provide expertise or pertinent information.

3.1.2.5. By 15 April—HQ USAFE/DO releases the “Airshow Tasking Message”. This message approves the unit's participation in aerial events as specified in the remarks section of the message. If there are no specific events listed or if the unit wishes to cancel or change events, follow the requirements as outlined in Attachment 2, Tables A2.3 and A2.4.

3.1.3. (Added) Tasking for an aerial event does not constitute approval of any waiver required to support the tasked event except as indicated in paragraph 3.1.2.5. Early mission planning is essential for units to determine and obtain waiver, diplomatic clearance and Foreign Clearance Guide requirements. These support requirements and Command and Control of all assets will follow the same procedures as for any off station mission.

3.1.3.1. Units will designate points of contact (POC) who will contact the airshow organizer a minimum of 45 days prior to the scheduled event and ensure all waiver requirements are forwarded to the appropriate approval authority at least one month prior to the event.

3.3.1. (Added) Units will maintain records of their participation in HQ USAFE/PA-approved events and provide an end of airshow season report no later than 15 November through the NAF/A3 to HQ USAFE/DOTO. Report should include feedback on value of aerial events, support received and suggestions for improving the process. The report format and other items to include will be as discussed in the aerial event coordination meeting.

3.5.1. (Added) HQ USAFE/DO will task or solicit unit support in accordance with paragraph 3.1.1.

3.11.1. (Added) SECURITY. The USAFE/FPTWG will perform a risk assessment for every aerial event that USAF assets attend in the USAFE area of responsibility (AOR). Any USAF unit planning to attend an aerial event in the USAFE AOR will coordinate aerial event participation through the USAFE/FPTWG

(DSN 314 480-7201, SIPR Net: <http://usafe/fp/index.html>; unclassified email: [usafe.fptwg@ramstein.af.mil](mailto:usafe.fptwg@ramstein.af.mil)).

3.11.2. (Added) HQ USAFE/DO, with USAFE commander (USAFE/CC) concurrence, will recommend restrictions on aerial event participation based on the event's risk assessment and may direct the following security measures:

3.11.2.1. Event cancellation.

3.11.2.2. Flyover from home station.

3.11.2.3. No rest overnight (RON).

3.11.2.4. Flyover with RON at a separate approved location.

3.11.2.5. Reduced number and type aircraft involved.

3.11.2.6. Allow static display, but limit aircrew exposure by not remaining with aircraft.

3.11.2.7. Limit spectators access to aircraft and deny cockpit access by defining secure zones around the aircraft.

3.11.2.8. Deny access to large aircraft by not allowing interior public viewing.

3.11.3. (Added) Unit commanders will ensure the appropriate level of security for their aircraft as recommended by the USAFE/FPTWG and directed by the HQ USAFE/DO. Additionally, aircrews will perform a thorough security inspection upon completion of each display. These requirements also apply if USAF aircraft are leased (see AFI 31-101/USAFE1, *The Air Force Physical Security Program*).

**6. Using Aircraft Resources.** USAFE unit commanders must ensure aircraft and personnel participating in a static display present the best USAF image possible.

6.1.1.1. Do not display or discuss classified equipment or information unless directed by USAFE headquarters or higher authority. Prior to the event, aircrew will ensure proper disposition and security of classified material.

6.1.1.2. Make every attempt to identify and eliminate potential ground hazards, which could result in injuries to the viewing public or damage to property.

6.1.1.3. For USAFE-hosted aerial events, the unit project officer will coordinate with each participant for procedures to safely display non-USAFE aircraft. USAFE wing commanders, with USAFE/FPTWG recommendation, will determine the amount of public access to aircraft being displayed (i.e., whether the static display is open or closed).

6.2.1. (Added) USAFE Flyover Procedures:

6.2.1.1. Flyover profiles will normally be a single ship, straight and level pass at or above the predetermined minimum flyover altitude.

6.2.1.2. Limit aircrews to two passes.

6.2.1.3. Conducted in accordance with local published traffic pattern procedures. The axis of aircraft approach and departure must be along a designated show-line, normally the available active runway. The wing commander must approve any deviation.

6.2.1.4. Refer to Table A2.3 and Table A2.4 for approval level on all flyovers and demonstrations.

6.2.1.5. HQ USAFE/DOTO coordinates approval for memorial or funeral flyovers. One flyover may be authorized for the funeral or memorial ceremonies of dignitaries of the armed forces and the federal government and for funeral or memorial ceremonies of military persons who held an aeronautical rating (or were taking a course of instruction leading to such a rating) and who died while on "active duty." Deceased personnel in the grade of O-10, active duty or retired, are authorized a flyover regardless of aeronautical rating. Contact HQ USAFE/DOTO for assistance in obtaining approval from HQ USAF/XO (See AFI 34-501, *Mortuary Affairs Program*).

6.8. (Added) Special Request Procedures. Airshow organizers requesting USAFE aircraft participation at events not requiring USAFE approval may work directly with USAFE units but must inform USAFE/DO of the request. Requests for USAFE aircraft participation in events requiring USAFE approval are covered in paragraph 3.1.1.

6.8.1. Send special requests via message or letter signed by the appropriate host nation air attaché and dignitary to HQ USAFE/PA (Building 413) with information copy to HQ USAFE/DO (Building 201, Flugplatz, 66877 Ramstein-Miesenback), in accordance with paragraph 3.1.2, but not later than 90 days prior to the event.

6.8.2. Submit requests for assistance in obtaining support for other aircraft (or parachute team) participation from other MAJCOMS, other military services, or foreign countries and aircraft demonstration profiles to HQ USAFE/PA and HQ USAFE/DOTO, in accordance with paragraph 3.1.2., but not later than **90** days prior to the event.

**7. Safety Standards and General Requirements.** Flyover Weather Limitations. Perform under visual flight rules (VFR) as defined by the host nation with a minimum of 2,000 feet ceiling and 8 kilometers visibility. Additionally, for missing man formations, the maneuvering aircraft must maintain VFR or begin the "missing man" flyover as a three-ship.

7.3.3.3. (Added) Minimum altitude for flyovers is 500 feet above ground level (AGL) over a runway or 1000 feet above the highest obstacle within 2000 feet of the aircraft when not over a runway. Participating aircrew will adhere strictly to all host nation flight rules. Use the most restrictive flight rules when a flyover is performed through more than one country. Minimum Altitudes (Demonstrations).

7.3.5. (Added) For aerial demonstrations of combat capabilities, fly each maneuver no lower than the minimum altitude published by host nation, USAFE, or multi-command operations series publications.

7.4.1. (Added) The mission commander will brief the airspeeds for USAFE mission aircraft participating in aerial demonstrations in accordance with the approved demonstration profile.

7.6.5. (Added) Do not perform personnel or equipment drops if the flight path of the airdrop aircraft is over or behind spectator stands or congested areas near the drop zone (*EXCEPTION*: high-altitude low-opening (HALO) parachutist airdrops). If the release point or flight path of the airdrop aircraft is within 230 meters of the viewing stands, cancel the airdrop or adjust the point of impact (See NATO STANAG 3533, *Flying and Static Displays*, 30 January 92).

7.9.2.1. (Added) Units attending aerial events in USAFE AOR will comply with STANAG 3533 or AFI 11-209/USAFE Supplement 1, whichever is more restrictive. If a waiver to STANAG 3533 is required, make request in accordance with Table A2.3 and A2.4 but no later than 90 days prior to the event.

7.11. (Added) Nonstandard Operations. Do not perform nonstandard flight configurations or maneuvers. In no case will aircrew members respond to on-the-spot requests for changes in the program that would result in the execution of maneuvers not previously approved or briefed.

7.12. (Added) Briefings for Aerial Reviews. The mission commander will present a general briefing to the aircraft commander (if different) and applicable crewmembers. As a minimum, the briefing will include the following items: (Telephonic briefings are acceptable).

7.12.1. Time hack.

7.12.2. Weather.

7.12.3. Mission purpose and description of operation.

7.12.4. Order of flight.

7.12.5. Marshaling and taxi route (if applicable).

7.12.6. Takeoff times.

7.12.7. Join-up times, points, and procedures.

7.12.8. Route of flight.

7.12.9. Altitudes.

7.12.10. Airspeeds.

7.12.11. Landing and dispersal procedures.

7.12.12. Communications.

7.12.13. Emergency and abort procedures.

7.12.14. Contact personnel (if applicable).

7.12.15. Wake Turbulence. Crewmembers must be aware of the location of, and hazards associated with wake turbulence. Mission commanders will ensure that all aspects of wake turbulence, to include procedures to minimize its effects, are thoroughly reviewed and briefed.

### ***References***

NATO STANAG 3533, *Flying and Static Displays*

AFI 31-101/USAFE1, *The Air Force Physical Security Program*

AFI 34-501, *Mortuary Affairs Program*

### ***Acronyms***

**AGL**—Above ground level

**AMOCC**—Air Mobility Operations Control Center

**AOR**—Area of responsibility

**HALO**—High-altitude low-opening

**NAF**—Numbered air force

**NIMA**—National Imagery and Mapping Agency

**RON**—Rest overnight

**TERPS**—Terminal Procedures

**USAFE**—US Air Forces in Europe

USAFE/FPTWG—USAFE Force Protection Threat Working Group

## Attachment 2

**HQ USAFE-DELEGATED APPROVAL LEVELS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL EVENTS****A2.1. 2.1. Table of Approval Levels--On-Base Aerial Events.****Table A2.1. Participation Approval for On-Base Aerial events.**

<b>Event</b>	<b>WING CC</b>	<b>NAF/CC</b>	<b>HQ USAFE</b>	<b>Suspense</b>
Flyovers	Request	Approve	Info DO/PA	NA
Flyovers (Local unit, on unit's home installation, for unit-assigned personnel and their families, not open to the public)	Approve	Info A3/PA	Info DO/PA	NA
Static Displays	Request	Approve	Info DO/PA	NA
Static Displays (Local unit, on unit's home installation, for unit-assigned personnel and their families, small public groups (note 1), not open to the general public)	Approve	Info A3/PA	Info DO/PA	NA
Aircraft Demonstrations (note 2)	Request	Coord	Approve DO	7 days
Aerial Review MAJCOM assets and Multi MAJCOM	Request	Coord	Approve DO	14 days
Multi-Nation Aerial Reviews or Reviews Presented Specifically for a Foreign Dignitary	Request	Coord	Coord CC Approve AF/ CC	60 days
Memorial or Funeral Flyover	Request	Coord	Approve DO	ASAP
Retirement or Change of Command Ceremony	Request	Coord	Coord CC Approve AF/ CV	60 days
STANAG 3533 Waivers			Coord CC Approve SHAPE CC	90 days

—This table is for participation approval. See basic AFI for event approval.

—Requests to units from foreign country organizers should be referred to US Embassies and unit public affairs for coordination.

—Obtain HQ USAFE/DO approval to change or cancel participation in any aerial event approved by HQ USAFE/DO or higher. Coord with HQ USAFE/DOTO.

—Info appropriate levels as indicated in tables 48 hours prior to event.

—Suspense column indicates the minimum number of days before the event date that a request must arrive at HQ USAFE/PAM/DOT to permit approval coordination. Time required to plan and coordinate the event is not included.

Note 1: Small public groups hosted by public affairs IAW AFI 35-101.

Note 2: Includes helicopter operational demonstrations and those listed in note 3 of AFI11-209 figure A2.1.

## **A2.2. Participation Approval Table--Off-Base Aerial Events.**

**Table A2.4. Participation Approval for Off-Base Aerial Events.**

Event	WING CC	NAF/CC	HQ USAFE	Suspense
Patriotic Holiday Flyover	Request	Coord	Approve DO	7 days
Static Displays	Request	Coord	Approve DO	7 days
Static Displays (non-public)	Request	Approve	Info DO/PA	NA
Flyovers	Request	Coord	Approve DO	7 days
Aircraft Demonstrations (note 1)	Request	Coord	Approve DO	7 days
Aerial Review MAJCOM assets	Request	Coord	Approve DO	14 days
Aerial Review Multi MAJCOM	Request	Coord	Approve CC	30 days
Memorial or Funeral Flyover	Request	Coord	Approve DO	ASAP
Aerial Review Multi Service, Multi-Nation or Reviews Presented Specifically for a Foreign Dignitary	Request	Coord	Coord CC Approve AF/ CC	60 days
STANAG 3533 Waivers	Request	Coord	Coord CC Approve SHAPE CC	90 days

—This table is for participation approval. See basic AFI for event approval.

—Requests to units from foreign country organizers should be referred to US Embassies and unit public affairs for coordination.

—Obtain HQ USAFE/DO approval to change or cancel participation in any aerial event approved by HQ USAFE/DO or higher. Coord with HQ USAFE/DOTO.

—Info appropriate levels as indicated in tables 48 hours prior to event.

—Suspense column indicates the minimum number of days before the event date that a request must arrive at HQ USAFE/PAM/DOT to permit approval coordination. Time required to plan and coordinate the event is not included.

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